

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Minako HIJIKATA, et al.

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SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

EXAMINER:

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FOR: CARRIER FOR GENE DETECTION AND ITS USE FOR DETECTING VALIDITY OF INTERFERON THERAPY

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

- ☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/813,031, filed March 21, 2001, now allowed, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**:  
Application No. Date Filed

- ☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2000-080955	March 22, 2000
Japan	2001-062372	March 6, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/813,031 filed March 21, 2001, now allowed.
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)  
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Respectfully Submitted,

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